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NEARLY TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

by Anne Simmons

Last Thursday night, June 7, at Oyster River High School the Academic Awards Presentation took place in the high school gym.

A total of 318 awards were presented at the ceremony including 81 Community Service certificates. Sixteen seniors were recognized for their performance on the PSAT and three of those students went on to become National Merit Scholar finalists

Presented to Juniors with high achievement were 6 different book awards. The recipients were Marie Roy, Melissa Geeslin, Stephanie Chasteen, Jenna McNeill, Jen Thompson, and Brendan Crill.

Other highlights were the Boys State appointment, Nathan Lapierre, and the Girls State appointments, Dawn-Elynn Bousquin and Amy Troxell. The Durham-Great Bay Rotary Club presented four community service

awards to Sara Berndtson, Jane Eggers, Jason Wall, and Eric Knapp. Both the Century III leadership award and the Elna Nelson Award for Art went to Kerry Swift. The Rensselaer Medal went to Brendan Crill. The Science Faculty Award went to Heather Shenefiel. Leslie Christenson received the Bausch and Lomb Science Award. The Hugh O'Brian Youth presented to Katrin Bergeron.

The success of the Video Out production staff was recognized by awards received in the New England High School Video Competition by the following: Jamie McKinnon, Tom Willey, James Poteet, Bill Myers, Tracie Peek, Fred Jonsson, and Seth Hilliker. The staff as a whole received an honorable mention.

The night was a success for all involved. The overwhelming attendance was impressive and appreciative.

"The Night In Paris" Prom a Huge Success

by Dave Chase

More than 180 students attended the Oyster River High School Junior/Senior Prom May 29 at Luka's greenhouse in Hampton Falls.

The dance floor was packed as prom-goers danced to the music of DJ Jean-Paul of C-Coast Sound.

"All the songs were really good, and the DJ was hip-hop and happen-in'," said Junior Evan Wallman.

Some participants complained about the selection of food or drink including only soda and fruit. Others said the DJ didn't



Students receiving and giving awards at the Sports Banquet on June 4.

Top Sports Honors

Seniors Jim Poteet, Lisa Barney and Chris Mautz walked away with the most awards from the fifth annual Oyster River High School Booster Club "All Sports Award night." The event took place in the Granite State Room in the Memorial Union Building at UNH.

Among the awards given on Monday night were Most Valuable and Most Improved. Along with those awards, 11 special awards were given out.

The special awards included scholarships received by Lisa Barney, Amy Martin and Eric Sundberg. Tara Truelson and Scott Goodman received most valuable senior soccer award. The scholar-athlete awards were given to Jason Pollard and Leslie Christenson. The four other special awards were given to: Janet Moore, high school All-American soccer; Toby Mautz, the Alan Gangwar hockey award; Karen Tagliaferro, "First Team" award in soccer; and Chris Mautz, the Dayton "Doc" Henson soccer award. Along with all the other awards given out 64 seniors received

took part in at least 2 seasons of sports. "The wins and losses are forgotten," according to guest speaker Julie Sasner. "It's the important times you remember." Sasner's speech followed in the same manner. The personal atmosphere made this 1984 graduate seem to be an old friend. She recalled things like the space capsule in front of the high school, and the cop sitting at Jackson's Landing. When she went to Oyster River she realized that things don't change even after six years.

The night also included a slide show of athletes in action. "I really enjoyed the slide show," commented senior Tara Truelson. "The slides showed the teams in action doing what they enjoy most."

Following the slide show, Athletic Director Dave Nichols introduced all 27 fall, winter and spring sports teams.

The sports banquet placed everyone in the spotlight even though the seasons may not have been very successful. It capped off another year of sports at Oyster River High School.

sculpted in ice, and a light projection of the city of Paris on one of Luka's walls.

Junior Andy Muggleworth commented, "The DJ added to the experience, and the decorations were better than last year."

and Danika Harris. Prince and Princess were Kevin Hahn and Audrey Graves.

The traditional Post-Prom Party was held at the Tin Palace in Durham.



Eric Singer, Kevin Mysli, and Chris Atkins at the p.m.

Mike Jackson and Heather Shenefiel.



Gene Lyras and Stephanie Kentris.

Candide play featured "theatre in the round"

by Bill Myers

The musical "Candide", the last production of music director Steve Denson, was staged in the cafeteria on May 22-25.

The theater-in-the-round staging was done with minimal scenery, but conveyed the change of scenes with changing color schemes in props and costumes and with a "roadsign."

Mrs. Barbara Hill described the staging as "very exciting and creative." Ms. Szot said "I had a lot of fun" and Mrs. Dodge, who danced in "I'm suddenly Spanish," called the performance "impressive and lively."

"Candide" featured Jason Pollard in the title role and Sarah Whitten as his sweetheart Cunegonde. Her major solo, "Glitter and be Gay" was described by Mr. Tappan as "an operatic

feason of the most changing pieces I have heard a high school singer tackle, and was done with total confidence."

Mennel was the comic of the show with the role of "the Oldy."

Tucker played the story teller Voltaire as well as the wise Dr. Pangloss.

He had amazing power of focusing the audience's attention and making smooth transitions from one

scene to the next," said Steve Denson.

During the pre-show introduction each night MC Emily Franzoski asked members of the audience if they would like to be pirate executioners, Spadancers and a few parts.

He never lacked for volunteers," said cast member Stamper.

His role as

the colonial governor who serenaded Jesse Fields disguised as a woman was another widely applauded comic moment followed by a pair of volunteers helping sail the ship away to the desert island.

One of the volunteers was Mr. Lou Mroz.

"Candide" was the first musical in more than a decade to be staged on the cafeteria side. According to director Steve Denson, the cafe side was preferable for theater-in-the-round. "The acoustics are better by far, and we don't have to worry about the floor, and the seating is much more intimate. This was a participatory show."

The musical "Candide" was written by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim.

Approximately 450 people attended during the run of the production.

Denson's farewell concert precedes Arts Awards

by Jason Wall

Last Tuesday, Oyster River High School had its last concert for the year, featuring both Chorus and Chamber Singers. At the end of the concert, Performing Arts and Music Awards were presented to the many active students in their respective programs.

The concert was Music Director Steve Denson's last at ORHS as he will be retiring at the end of the year.

The awards presented were in the areas of Drama and Music, including 10 letters, 16 pins, and numerous certificates. Among the Special Awards were Drama, Music, Technical Theater, Student Directors, and Rookies Most Improved.



Candide actors: Leslie Christenson, Jesse Fields, Sarah Whitten and Jason Pollard



Jaws of Life Shown in action

by Troy Archie

Oyster River High School was the setting for the first controlled drinking experiment done by the Durham police Department for High School students, to show the effects of drinking and to prevent this from happening to ORHS students.

Officer Eric Haines of the Durham P.D. was the guinea pig in the drinking experiment. To start off, Haines had one drink of two ounces of rum and Coke. After 20 minutes Haines said he felt warm and a little light-headed.

He blew into the Intoxilyzer 5000 for the first time and had a .03 blood alcohol content. The normal BAC is .04.

He took a sobriety test given by Captain Joseph McGann and passed with no problem.

After the second

HOUSTON'S PHYSICS TAUGHT AT CANOBIE LAKE

by Laura Thibault

On Friday, May 31st, 58 students from Dr. Robert Houston's Oyster River High School physics classes took an unprecedented field trip to Canobie Lake Park.

"Using the radius of the curvature of the roller coaster and estimated acceleration, we attempt to calculate the G-forces of the rides," commented ORHS Science Teacher Doug Knight.

Mr. Knight, Dr. Houston and his wife Barbara Houston, Mr. Charles Perry, and Mrs. Helen Brock all chaperoned the trip.

Senior Doug Cleary noted, "The trip was wicked cool, but only because Mr. Houston was the one that organized it."

The students spent the day before the trip studying equations that they could apply to the rides. They found that such things as the acceleration, gravitational force and the centripetal force of the rides.

"Visiting the park was a great chance for us all to see applied physics in motion," excellent examples of centripetal force and other physic-related properties."



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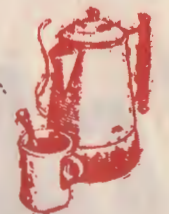
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Biology camping trip originates in Gloucester

by Scott Poteet

June 1, 22 Oyster River High School biologists returned from Gloucester, Massachusetts.

into the mud," said sophomore Seamus Fleming.

Waking up at the

later, he took another test from McGann and failed, but was not legally intoxicated.

The next drink only had two ounces of rum and after this drink he blew a .08 and a .09. In all he had consumed seven ounces of 80 proof rum. Captain McGann said that, "Anyone under 21 who blew over a .06 faces almost certain prosecution and loss of license."



Biologists take trip to Gloucester.

out for two days and one night on an island off the shore of Cape Ann.

The students departed from school Thursday morning. After setting up camp, the students began several activities in groups.

In the evening free-time, students went swimming and boating in the wooden dories. "We did a lot of things as a group. The best thing was when we jumped off small lodges

Gull Island in the boats. "We had a lot of fun in the water on the boats," said Alex Roy.

After completing several more activities, chaperones Bob Byrnes and Emma Rous and the students packed up and headed back to Oyster River. The students returned tired, dirty and tan. "It was a lot of fun, and well worth the two days off from school," said Fleming.

Ginsburg speaker at Baccalaureate

by Tracey Peak

Baccalaureate was held Sunday evening in the Oyster River High School gym. Following Baccalaureate, light refreshments were served in the cafeteria.

Usually eight to twelve seniors participate reading poetry, playing instruments or singing. The material is usually something looking back over the past four years, or looking ahead to the challenges faced or other issues that are important.

According to past years, half the graduating class and their parents usually attend. "Juniors are encouraged to attend to see how it will be next year," said ORHS Principal Ms. Anne Draper Brown.

The speaker this year was Mr. Phillip Ginsburg. "Mr. Ginsburg was chosen because he knows a lot of the graduates, and he is a very good speaker," said Ms. Brown.

Baccalaureate originally was a religious sermon given by a priest, today it is a speech given by a respectable member of the community.



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Houston leaves ORHS

by Toby Mautz

"There is a vitality in youth that is catching; I'm really going to miss that," said Oyster River High School physics teacher Dr. Robert Houston about his experience at ORHS this semester.

Dr. Houston finished his teaching at ORHS last Friday. He replaced physics teacher Charles Perry who took a one semester sabbatical. Mr. Perry started teaching again last Monday.

Dr. Houston feels that he underestimated the amount of work that teaching at the high school level required, and that he had not been well prepared. "It was surprisingly hard work," he stated.

Dr. Houston said that to teach at this level again he would need one full year to prepare his teaching material. He had not expected the work to be as difficult as it has been. He said that the hardest part was modifying his college lessons into high school lessons.

Dr. Houston does not have any definite plans for the future. He has been offered a job with

Traveling is something that Dr. Houston is looking forward to. "I don't want to take a full time position because I have not done all the traveling that I would like to do," he stated.

"I'm going to miss him; he was really fun," said junior Heather James.

"I think it's too bad that he is leaving. He's a great guy," added senior Charlie Adkins.

"My favorite part was the intervention with the students," Dr. Houston stated. "That's the meat and potatoes, the bread and butter."

Adkins feels that this experience has given him an idea of what his college professors will be like next fall.

"I enjoyed the people in my classes," Dr. Houston said. "I am really going to miss everybody."

the Education Department at the University of New Hampshire in the fall, but Dr. Houston has not confirmed that position. He said that he would definitely take the job if it is still available.

Project Graduation destination decided

by Jim Poteet

The 1990 Oyster River High School "Project Graduation," following commencement ceremonies Friday will include both a Portland, Maine, harbor cruise and a night at the works.

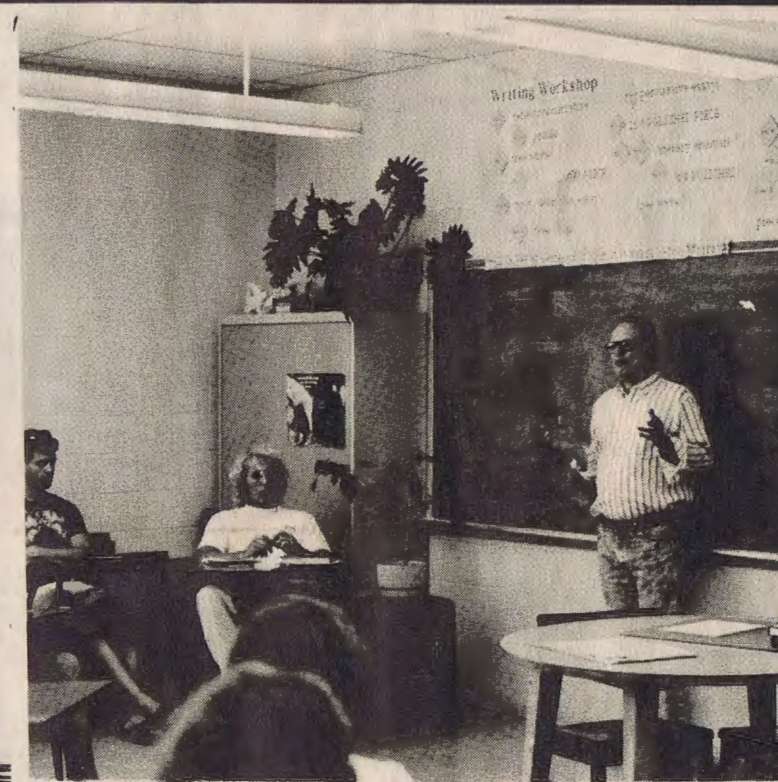
Activities begin at 10 p.m. and end at 7:00 Saturday morning. Thanks to a binding contract with the Works Athletic Club in Somersworth, an earlier plan to visit the Portsmouth Y.M.C.A. for the evening had to be scratched and the schedule changed.

Attending Seniors will meet at the High school at 10 p.m. where they will be bused to Portland for a scenic three-hour cruise on the enchanting Casco Bay Cruise Line. C.B. Cruises offer a large dance floor, TV/VCR, and a beautiful view of the harbor.

Around four o'clock the next morning, the alumni are scheduled to return to the seacoast for three hours at the Works. A continental breakfast will be served along with other tantalizing entrees such as pizza and coke.

Participants are expected to return to the hallowed halls of Oyster River around 7:30.

Although Project Graduation is free to graduating seniors, a \$25 fee will be charged for guests of class members.



Novelist L. Christian Balling

SPY NOVELIST SPEAKER IN POPULAR LIT. CLASS

Spy novelist L. Christian Balling was guest speaker in Mr. Tappan's Popular Literature class on June 8.

The purpose of his talk was to share some of the "tricks and mechanics" of writing a book.

Balling is a physics professor at UNH and notes that there is

"absolutely zero connection between my writing and my life." He calls himself an "amateur writer," although he has four published books to his credit: "The Fourth Shot" (about the Kennedy assassination), "Mallory's Gambit," (a contemporary spy novel), and "Champion," a Medieval action story.

"I am my own judge--until the book is done," he said. "If I stop proofreading and just read, I'm home free."

Balling said that he dreams up a general plot line, but then just leaps into writing at some random point that comes to mind. He writes the pieces, then



Seniors to Scatter From Coast to Coast

by Kristen Haley

Jen Marshall
Ninety-eight Oyster River High School Seniors will be attending college in the fall. Of the 112 graduating seniors, 3 have joined the Armed Services and will

Ed Bell-Colorado State University
Sarah Berndtson-UNH
Amy Bicknell-Johnson & Wales
Samatha Bliss-BU
Alex Brink-NE College
Julie Bullard-North

Maureen Fleming-Keene State
Geoff Forcier-UNH
Matt Fournier-work
Greg Gagnon-Noles Mountaineering
Wayne Garland-Concord VocTech
Chris Gault-UNH

Tech.
Amy Martin-SUNY at Cortland
Kerry Maurer-UNH
Chris Mautz-Lehigh
Jamie McKinnon-Art Institute of Boston
Tina Mennel-St. Olaf

Mark Slippery-Cedarville College
Erin Smith-Plymouth State
Marianne Smith-William Smith
Lynne Sprague-Hesser
Melissa Stokas-

past, UNH is a popular choice for the college-bound student with 21 ORHS students to attend in the fall.

Here is the listing of the 112 seniors and what they are going to do for the upcoming year.

Charles Adkins-Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Shawn Amazeen-pt UNH
Troy Archie-work
Lisa Barney-UCONN

Joe Camacho-UColorado
Dave Chase-UNH
Leslie Christenson-Princeton
Doug Cleary-work
Alison Clifford-UNH
Deanna Comtois-part time school and work
Marlilli Cuesta-U Northern Colorado
Kathy Cunniff-Hamilton
Jane Eggers-BU
Keith Elwell-Bentley
Maggie Farrell-Pima College
Sean Fitzgerald-Union

Scott Goodman-Plymouth
Karen Gooze-Columbia
Cassandra Goulart-NH Tech
Brandon Gray-UNH
John Gray-work
Kristen Haley-work
Christine Hamlet-Washington Lee
Danika Harris-Princeton
Carl Harter-Purdue
Seth Hilliker-Castleton
Lisa Hughson-Franklin Pierce
Mike Jackson-Bowdoin
Simon Kaseiwicz-Plymouth State
Hope Kennedy-work
Rich Khleif-UNH
Eric Knapp-Keene State
Michael Levasseur-UNH
Matt Lewis-UNH
Gene Lyras-UNH
Kevin MacKenzie-Frostburg
Tara Madden-work
Laura Magidson-Wellesley
George Main-work
Erin Marcotte-work
Jenifer Marshall-U
Maine Presque Isle
Leia Marshall-Virginia

Janet Moore-Ida
Marisa More-Clemson
Kim Morrell-part time UNH
Corrie Murray-Northeastern
Bill Myers-Pomona
Sean O'Neill-Georgetown
Tracie Peek-undecided
Shelley Peters-California/Art school
Jason Pollard-Dartmouth
James Poteet-U. Missouri Columbia
Brad Poulin-Old Dominion
Christina Reale-NYU
Lee Rimbach-UNH
Marybeth Robins-Ferris State U.
Katie Rock-Lesley College
Jer Rosholt-work
Chris Russell-Navy
Un Saravong-Mt. Ida College
Heidi Sauer-UNH
Jann Seaver-Old Dominion
Heather Shenefiel-Geysburg
Re Silverwood-UNH
Ann Simmons-Vassar

Rochester, NY
Karen Swenson-Dickinson
Kerry Swift-UNH
Karen Tagliaferro-Bates
Missy Tappan-UNH
Laura Thibault-part time UNH
Tara Truelson-U. Maine, Orono
Blake Tucker-NYU
Dave Vandervoet-Army
Greg Varholy-Florida Institute of Tech.
Phil Wadsworth-NH Voc Tech
Jason Wall-Ithaca
Mark Walsh-Navy
Jeremy Ward-Ithaca
Ryan Warren-UNH
Jeff Whitenack-UNH
Tom Willey-work
Spook Wills-Univ. Georgia
Jessica Winston-Wellesley
Pam Worden-work

he said, you need a love interest--a man and a woman--I model them after people I know."

Once he has chosen a setting, he goes there and walks through the plot absorbing everything he sees that might connect.

The Durham author said that most readers today expect a happy ending and are much more receptive to short chapters ending with "trailers"--a sentence which demands that you read on.

Chapters should start with very short action sentences, not description. "The best start is action dialogue."

Mr. Balling's daughters, Kristi and Daria, both attended Oyster River schools a number of years ago.

He did not reveal what the subject of his next book would be.

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CORRECTION FINE ARTS STILL ON IN OYSTER RIVER HIGH

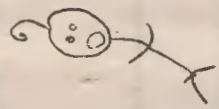
by Jenifer Marshall

The New Hampshire state Board of Education is considering dropping the Fine Arts requirement for the 90-91 school year. No positive decision has yet been made. Along with the Fine Arts requirement the computer and economics requirements may be dropped.

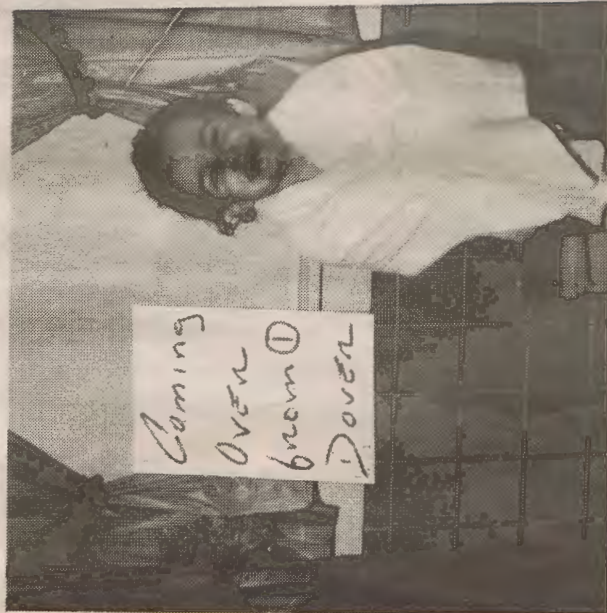
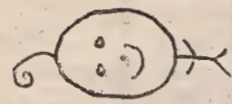
But although the state may drop these requirements, it is still the option of the individual school district to continue these requirements as part of their program if they choose. The State is considering dropping the requirements only because of the inability of the State to provide funds to local districts to support the new courses.

many smaller schools do not have the proper funding to support the fine arts requirement which includes such areas as music, poetry, creative writing, art, interior design, and drama.

At Oyster River High School no final decision about the fine arts, economic and computer requirements has been made. Principal Ann Draper Brown thinks the requirement should remain in the O.R.H.S. program. "I feel we are committed to all three areas (fine arts, computer and economics). We want to keep these courses as an important foundation of general knowledge for everyone," she said.



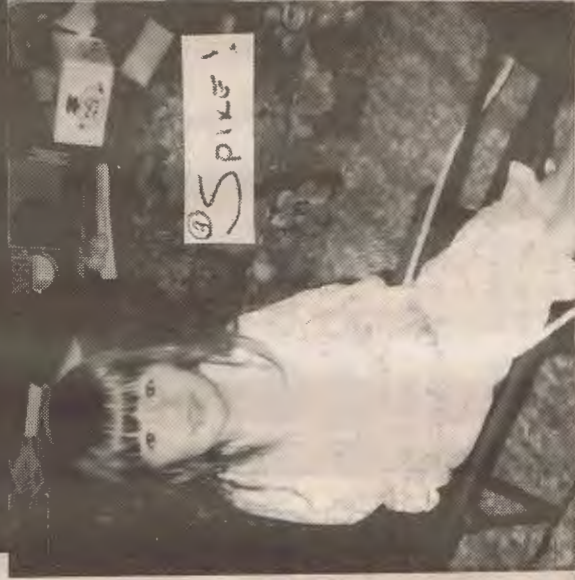
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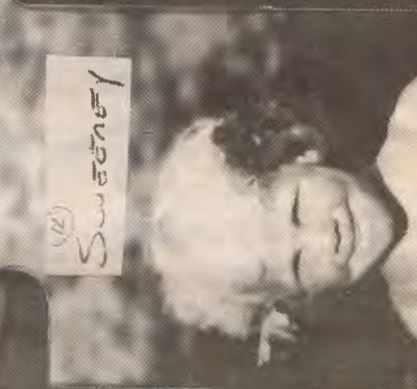
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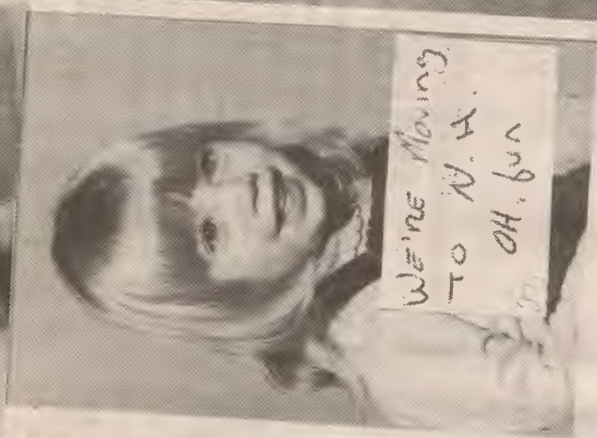


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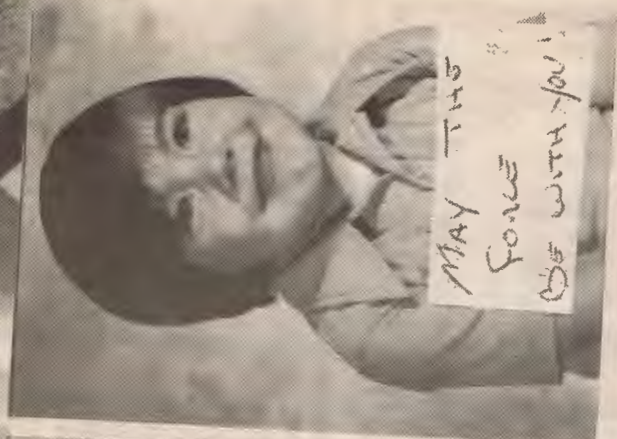


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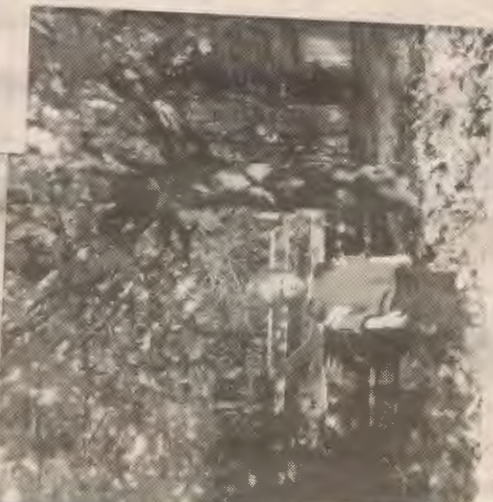
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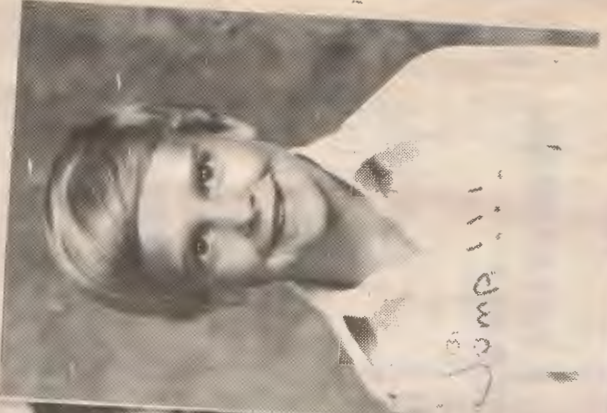
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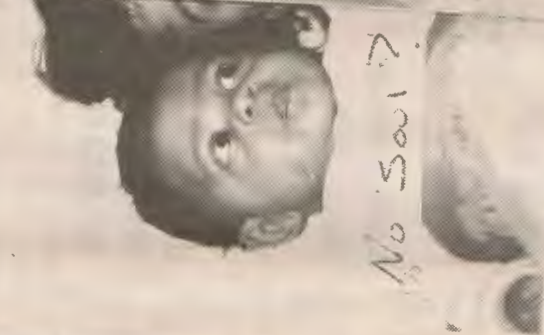
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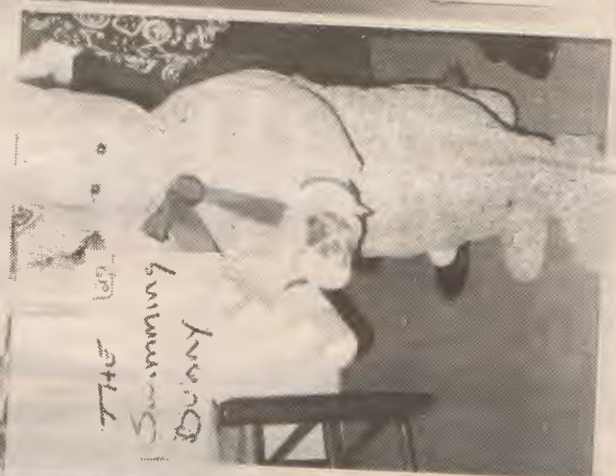
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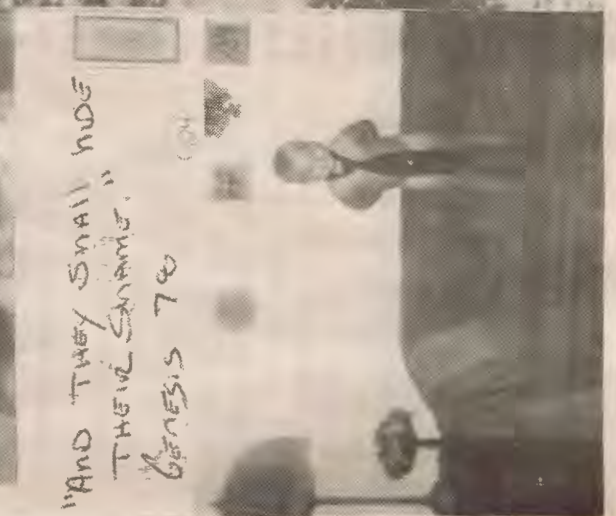
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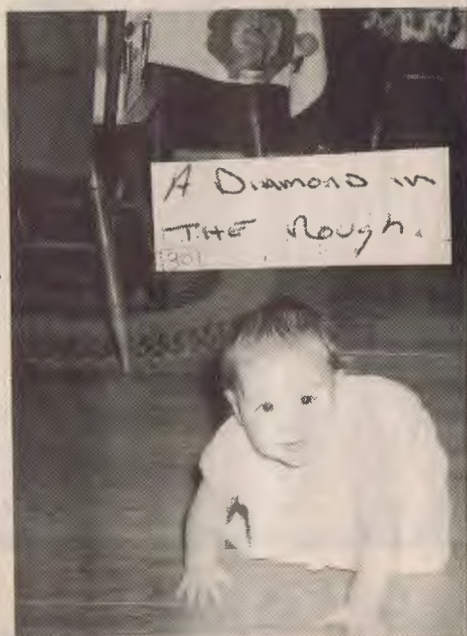
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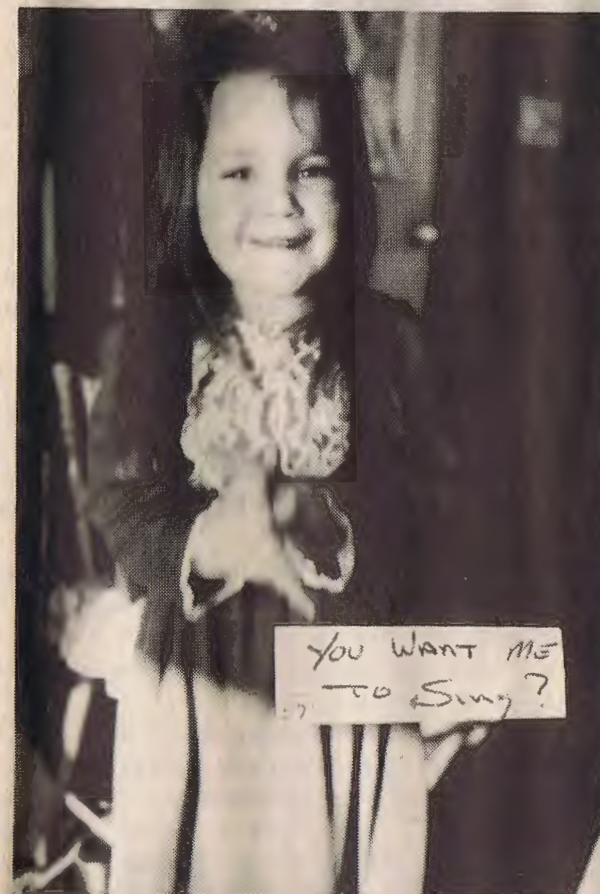
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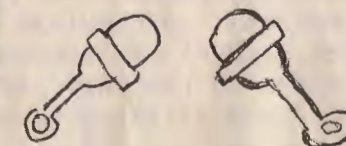
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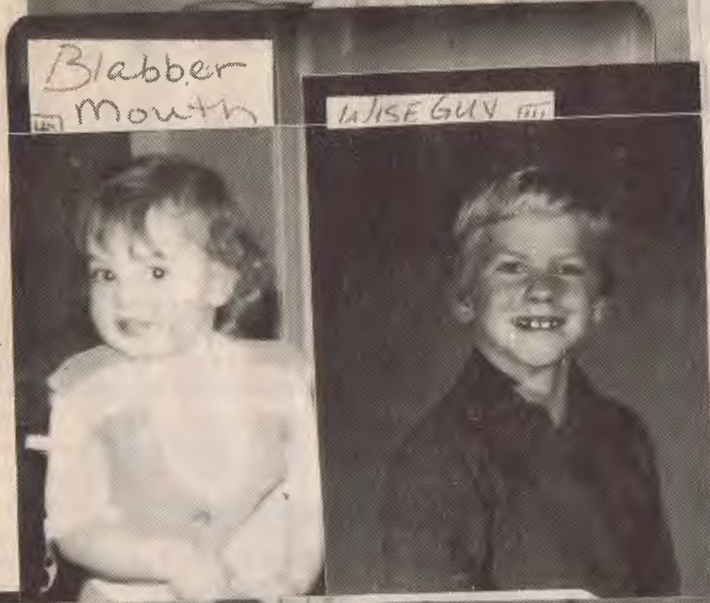
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Basketball's my game, Bowlin's my domain

A little audacity helps my acting career.

I call him Charlie.

Dressed for my piano recital.

I'll trade this in for a Mustang.

Just a little Swedish.



My dog, Comet

A, B, See?

I was a Soprano once

I'm a baby of few thoughts

Dartmouth Here I come

The Mouth of the River
wishes to congratulate
the graduating seniors
of the class of 1990.

GOOD LUCK IN LIFE!!!!

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to any of the material in
this issue will be impos-
sible until next year.
Any questions or comments
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THE OTHER SIDE OF SENIORITIS

Senioritis has long been recognized, and most teachers frown upon the fourth quarter grade point dip. What many people fail to recognize is that not all seniors purposefully allow their work to deteriorate. Almost every senior has lower grades during the fourth quarter, however, which means that some other cause must exist."

This cause is simple. In a desperate effort to finish the year (and in some cases to finish the book), teachers are increasing the workload. For seniors, who graduate a week before the rest, this workload is even further increased, as shortened project deadlines and the looming threat of Finals fall upon the already existing homework.

Although the increase in schoolwork and homework may seem slight on an individual class basis, an extra 17 minutes of homework per class equals another two hours of homework a night. On top of the already existing four-hours, this can be exhausting.

It should also be kept in mind that near the end of the school year, there are many senior activities that take up precious time. Senior Follies, Senior Banquets, Trips, Activities, and other school oriented but extracurricular pastimes can interfere even further. True, there is a certain responsibility to complete one's homework, but this should not force the student to abandon school spirit. And ironically, the last events of the year are the awards banquets, where students are expected to spend hours sitting around wasting time to receive an award for doing just the opposite.

The personal lives of the graduate-to-be are also hectic. Colleges demand that hours upon hours be spent on applications, forms, financial aid advice, guidance, and interviews. And, because of the problem of the impending college tuition, many seniors must also work during school. To anyone who is involved

Tom Willey, comedian

by Bill Myers

"Where's the best place to find a turtle with no legs? Right where you left it."

Tom Willey makes jokes easily, yet insists that he's no funnier than the next person, though his personal achievements and reputation seem to disprove that theory.

Whether it's as a stand-up comedian, host of the Oyster River Schools Video Journalism Program "Video Out", or just someone looking to make people laugh, Tom is a character who loves to be in the spotlight.

Tom holds the values
of honor and integrity

in high regard and incorporates these as one of his "rules to live by." "I try to be as nice a person as possible without compromising my honor and integrity." Tom has other rules too, however. To serve the public trust, protect the innocent and uphold the law."



of sleep, a night may be possible in eating, breathing, and other biological functions are abandoned to the priority of "our dear Oyster River High School."

Yes, seniors are tired of school. After 12 years of monotony topped off with a triple workload and beautiful weather, wouldn't you be? Perhaps in the future, if some compensation was made for the tired and stressed seniors, than 'senioritis' would not be seen as an enemy, but as a harmless inevitability.

SEXISM IN PANDORA'S BOX

There is a facet of sexism which few people recognize, yet it is no less insidious than sexism of the traditional nature: sexism against men. It exists however; in society, and here at Oyster River.

About two months ago, the senior girls obtained an offer, through the school, to receive a complimentary jewelry box from Ross furniture of Dover. The senior boys were offered nothing.

This omission is interesting. Have the male members of the class of '90 failed to do something in their four years of high school that their female counterparts have done? From the perspective of involvement in and around the school at least, the answer is no.

According to senior class advisor Susan Smith the school has asked about gifts for the boys, but as of yet nothing has been offered. Still, this does not clear the school of its involvement in this inequity. The fact is that if the corporation can not offer graduation gifts for the entire graduating class, the school has the responsibility to decline the offer, and not accept any of the gifts.

If Ross furniture offered gifts for just the white students in the graduating class, they would be turned down, yet when it is the males in the class who are neglected, the school has no qualms about their exclusion.

The jewelry boxes are not the only situation in which female seniors receive gifts not available to their male classmates. Every year at the prom the senior girls are given a rose while the boys walk away, empty-handed. In this age of increasingly equal rights and women's liberation, doesn't it seem contradictory that it is still assumed that women are the only ones who can appreciate the beauty of a rose and thus the only ones to receive one? Senior boys at the prom deserve to be recognized also, but tradition has not allowed for this.

In reality, this division of the sexes is unfair to both the males and females at Oyster River. By continuing to acknowledge traditional differences between men and women which don't actually exist, the school continues to foster ideas and values which should be on the way out. Elements of sexism, discrimination and prejudice against both sexes exist in the school, and it's time for the administration, faculty and student body to examine carefully the problem and work, together, to eliminate it.

Mouth of the River announces new management team
Next fall Mr. Tappan and Mrs. Whitten will be team teaching Journalism class and will be co-advisors for the newspaper. The editor-in-chief will be Jenna McNeill assisted by Brian Kilgore. Two other editors have yet to be selected. M.O.R. publishes six times a year, 5 tabloids, 1 broadsheet.

SOVIET EXCHANGE PLANNED

When I asked one of the Russian teachers if we were making her group's schedule too hectic she replied: "There is an old Russian proverb that says, we'll worry about sleep when we get to the grave." And so it went, for two hectic but fulfilling weeks for our fifteen visitors. They all had quite different experiences but all seemed to share a common joy in just being in America and in our school. They seemed to be especially pleased that the schedule was not rigid, that they always had a choice and that they had so much chance for interaction with us.

I have already heard about some good correspondence and for those still waiting, be patient; its usually a ten to twelve day journey for a letter from Leningrad to New Hampshire. Mrs. Rous visited school 185 at the end of April and was greeted warmly with lots of questions about our school and our visit to Leningrad next year.

Oyster River High School has already received an official invitation to send a group of students and teachers to school 185 in Leningrad for two

weeks next April and May. This will not be an educational tour such as the ones I have led the last two years; instead it will be quite similar to what the Russians experienced with us in March staying with host families, taking special courses in English at their school and plenty of free time to explore Leningrad and the surrounding countryside.

The educational exchange we have with this school may become a yearly event in the future, visiting each other on alternate years. It is made possible by Glasnost (openness), a new soviet policy that is something similar to our first ammendment freedoms. Glasnost also means the giving of voices, freedom of speech, and you can contribute to the opening of Soviet society by pursuing your correspondence and visiting the Soviet Union. It is a chance to do more than just "think globally".

by Alex Herlinhy



OOPS....

I am sitting in my office feeling angry and frustrated after reading an article in last month's Mouth of the River. The incorrect quote said, "I would be uncomfortable with someone else teaching my class." To set the record straight, I never said that! I did say that I was uncomfortable with Pro and Anti Abortion groups coming into my health class for the following reasons:

1-I have Pro- and Anti- Abortion groups came into my health classes many years ago. Instead of presenting material in a non-emotional, sensitive and objective manner, at least one group resorted to outright sensationalism. Many students were upset and offended by the presentation.

2-As a health teacher my primary responsibility is to give my students objective information. Hopefully students will be able to make intelligent decisions based on the information that they receive.

3- The Health Course lasts nine weeks. During that time period I cover the following units. Health, Nutrition, Weight Control, Physical Fitness, Mental Health, Human Sexuality, Alcohol and other Drugs, Tobacco and Cancer. I do not have the time to spend one or two periods debating various issues.

- Damage is already done. I would appreciate it if reporters would speak with me first if they decide to attribute quotes to me.... Louis Mroz

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There's Something in the Air Is Air Quality at ORHS Reason for Concern?

by Heather Shenefiel

In recent years, health and environmental issues have made countless headlines. As a society we are becoming more educated and aware of what is happening around us; in our town and across the nation. Here at ORHS, a study was conducted on indoor air pollution, and the health effects that could result. The findings are not yet conclusive, but it is possible that the last cold you had was the result of poor air quality.

For the last four months I have been working on a self-designed project concerning the air quality here at ORHS as a part of a course in Advanced Biology. So far, my data suggests that the air quality within this building is in part related to an increased rate upper respiratory illnesses this school year. Upper respiratory infections include allergies, common cold, sore throat, cough, strep, bronchitis, and even pneumonia.

Some of the most common biological threats in all air are bacteria, viruses, molds, and fungi. These organisms are transmitted by people through coughing or sneezing, but they can also attach themselves to dust particles and travel through the air

During an interview with Charlie Bennett, the Superintendent of Maintenance for Oyster River schools, I learned about the various ventilation systems at ORHS. According to Bennett, "We are lucky to have the filters in the air ducts cleaned once a year, when they should be seen to once a month. Our biggest problem is lack of maintenance personnel."

This discussion prompted me to take a look at one of the filters. Repulsive, is the only word I can find to describe what I saw. Curious to what I might find, I mixed up a culture medium (it grows bacteria and molds if they are present) to test various rooms throughout the school. Thus far, several of the samples have revealed disease causing bacteria such as streptococci (strep), and an overabundance of molds. Molds and bacteria have been linked to fatigue, headaches, and dizziness as well as upper respiratory infections. Peg Reeves, the school nurse, commented, "The incidence of upper respiratory illnesses at ORHS, to the best of my knowledge, has climbed steadily over the last four years."

This study has yet to be completed, but the evidence uncovered thus far has given me

by Jeremy Ward

In those half-opened lockers around school are pictures of huge ocean swells with young surfers doing "radical" manoeuvres on them. In the conversations around these lockers, places like "The Wall," and "The Mouth of The River" are discussed frequently.

The people with these pictures in their lockers and talking of these places are a growing group at Oyster River High School - the Surfers at Oyster River.

Most of these surfers are new to the sport, having only surfed for about a year, but some have been surfing longer.

Oyster River High School sophomore James Dolan is one of the hardcore surfers at ORHS. Dolan has been surfing for about three years, but says he's been around surfing and the ocean a long time. "My brother got me started, but my dad grew up around water, and would bring me to the beach a lot," he says.

Oyster River High School junior, Alex Collins, said he's only been surfing for about a year, but he started out bodyboarding and "boogieboarding" for six years when he lived in North Carolina. Collins also said skateboarding helped him after he got into surfing: "The rhythm which I obtained from skating benefited the movements I needed when surfing."

ORHS senior Shawn

starting; I can stand up, but I can't do any tricks like floater, but sometimes I do get radical."

ORHS junior Tristan DeGeorge has been surfing about one year, but he, too, says he's been around the ocean a long time. "I have a beach house in Seabrook, and my neighbor has about 20 boards, so I've always grown up in a surfing atmosphere."

ORHS senior Geoff Forcier, who says surfing gives him a euphoric feeling, started out windsurfing. "I started windsurfing.. surfing was similar, so I thought I'd try it," Forcier says.

ORHS surfers go to test their skills at "The Wall," and "The Mouth of the River." The Wall is the sea wall in North Hampton Beach; a common meeting place of many surfers in the area. The Mouth of the River is the name of a beach in Ogunquit, Maine, that local surfers would like to keep secluded.

"North Beach is the hipitis hopitis place to go around here," says Collins.

Longtime surfers both like and resent the increased interest in surfing at Oyster River.

Collins said, "I think people are interested, but I don't know to what extreme they are willing to stick it out. I don't like the poseheads who crack jokes and then the next day want to go out."

Forcier's feeling are similar to Collins': "I don't like the people who do it just to be cool and if

On the surfing explosion at ORHS, Dolan says, "It bugs me when people have awesome equipment and they stink, and then they take my waves."

"I like Tom Curran," commented Collins. "He's been surfing for so many years and he can still keep up with the young guys, plus he's got a nice-looking wife which I envy him for."

Surfing's not all fun and games, though. Collins once saw a Coast Guard helicopter searching for a surfer who drowned 100 yards down the beach from him. DeGeorge had an inexperienced surfer hit him in the face with his board, taking a chunk out of his lip.

Shawn Middleton told this story that shows how dangerous surfing can be: "One time we got up real early, like

8:00. We put our boards into [Erin] Smith's rig, the Big FF. We knew it was going to be a #0!*&! (Terrific) day.

I go out, I miss my first two rides just by the hair on the chin of my nose. Anyways, I see this huge, colossal wave coming. I start paddling for it. I got swept up in it, and got thrown around. I somersaulted under water, the fin on my board broke off over my leg, and my surfing for that day was over."

Despite the dangers, Middleton says, "I think if people think it's neat, and they want to try it, they should."



such as air conditioning ducts, and furniture where they will breed and multiply."

at ORHS. Now, take a deep breath. What do you think?

surfing simply because it's fun. "I love surfing, but I'm just

ocean and nature," commented Forcier.

Surf's up, Geoff!

Andrew Dice Clay and the New Raunch Freedom of Speech?

by Evan Freuder

"Immigrants and faggots, they make no sense to me. They come to our country, and think they'll do as they please. Like start some mini-Iran, or spread some f_____ disease." These are a few of the lines in the Guns n' Roses song, "One in a Million." Comedian Andrew Dice Clay refers to a particular ethnic group as "urine-colored people with towels around their heads. The most recent 2 Live Crew release, "As Bad as they Wanna Be", features such titles as "Bad Ass Bitch" and "Me is Horny." It is entertainers such as these that have sparked recent controversy over whether limits should be placed on "freedom of expression."

Clay:

"Bigot in a comic mask."

Today, open racism, sexism, homophobia, and violent material can be found in almost every branch of the entertainment industry. Some Americans take up arms against the entertainers, while others cling to traditional laissez-faire policy. Everyone has his/her opinion about what should be considered offensive material, and what should not. Should this type of language be accepted as entertainment? What could be done remedy the present situation? There are many conflicting opin-

ions over what might be an acceptable solution to this complex problem.

A recent controversy dealing with hateful language came about as a result of Andrew Dice Clay's appearance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

"Freedom of speech

is not an absolute right."

U.S. News columnist John Leo described Clay's material as "a straight ahead assault on folks who have failed to be white heterosexual males. A Boston Globe headline read: "Live from New York, it's the Bigot in a Comic Mask." Few of Clay's actual jokes are available in print because they are considered too gross to appear in newspapers or magazines. His usual routine involves the slurring of women, gays, blacks and Orientals. His act on "Saturday Night Live", usually broadcast live, required a five second delay so that many words could be bleeped out. Though Clay was censored on the show, this is not the case in most of his performances.

Clay's appearance was met with considerable protest. Cast member Nora Dunn and singer Sinéad O'Connor refused to appear in the show. "It is morally wrong to provide him a legitimate arena," stated Dunn in an interview in Time.

One of the arguments for censorship is that forms of entertainment containing raunchy lyrics provoke violence and are mentally harmful to children.

English teacher Richard Tappan pointed out that it is difficult to avoid encountering this "raunchy material in the media because it is broadcast into the home even if you don't subscribe to it."

"If I was an adult, I wouldn't want my kid to hear lots of obscene language and see pornography on T.V." stated junior John Cirillo.

"He can say what he

likes; I'm just not going

to listen to him."

Some people support record labeling as opposed to straight-forward censorship. Mike Fabian, a disc jockey for WLKZ feels that warning labels are a good idea, but he was quick to add that he did not favor the editing of lyrics. Lawmakers in 19 states have proposed warning labels for any song dealing with such topics as drugs, murder, incest, and suicide. Some people feel that the groups themselves should do a better job of censoring their own music.

Lou Mroz, a history teacher, pointed out that freedom of speech

is not an absolute right. It is illegal to shout "Fire!" in a crowded theater. It may also be illegal to burn the flag if a new amendment to the Constitution passes.

Almost every person interviewed, parents, students, and DJ's, felt that a song, "Kill All Niggers," would deserve the protection of the first amendment. "This sort of thing is protected by the first amendment, and should be," stated Peter Cass, a Durham resident and parent.

Disc jockey Mike Fabian is an outspoken oppose of censorship and said, "This song wouldn't offend me."

Oyster River junior Matt Crazer defended Andrew Clay's material saying that the first amendment protected his right to say what he pleased. Matt also issued the following statement: "He can say whatever he likes; I'm just not going to listen to him."

Sophomore Stacey Sweet added a similar view. He pointed out that the consumer does not have to buy the tape or watch the movie.

Senior Joe Camacho cited an important fact about music. He pointed out that rap music is focused on violence because many members of rap groups grow up in poor areas where violence is a

part of everyday life. "That violence is their life," he said. "They're talking about what they know."

The N.W.A. album "Straight Outta Compton" begins: "You are now about to witness the strength of street knowledge." One common criticism of censorship is that it is the affluent society trying to shelter their children from the "real world," blindfolding them to the aspects of slum life that are too harsh for the upper and middle classes to want to deal with.

The parents interviewed, though opposed to censorship, did want some plan for parental censorship. Rita Freuder, mother of two, and Peter Cass, father of one, agreed that record labeling would help them control what their children watched. They felt that the parent, instead of the government, should play the role of the censor.

"It seems to me that there is a difference between making fun of others and making war on them, a difference between humor and hate," explained Ellen Goodman of the Boston Globe, who wrote a column denouncing Andrew Dice Clay. There are many different groups of people that exist in our country however, and all of them seem to draw the

"...making fun of others
or making war on them?"

line in a different manner. Are we going to take this network of opinions and draw one defined line between humor and hate? This question will probably be partially answered in the outcomes of the Public Enemy and 2 Live Crew court disputes. In the meantime, our country questions the extent of our freedoms, in search of acceptable boundaries.



DICEMAN

IS RAUNCHY
HUMOR
IN FOR
THE
90's??



Janet Moore
receiving All-
American award
for soccer from
Dave Nichols

Sports

JV BASEBALL TEAM WINS LAST FOUR GAMES

by Eric Sundberg

The Oyster River High School Junior Varsity Baseball team recently completed its season on an up note by winning their final four games of the season.

The Bobcats got off to a slow start, 0-7-1. "I think it took us a while to get started, but once we got going we won four games in a row at the end of the season," said Gabe Wallman. "Everyone worked hard," added Chris Jerard.

The JV's season

included competition mostly comprised of Class-I teams as well as one class-M team, St. Thomas, and one Class-L team, Exeter. The Bobcats finished their season at 4-7-1.

The 'Cats were skippered by Chris Pollet, who served as assistant baseball coach and interim Social Sciences teacher at Oyster River last year. Team members included Mark DeRocchi, Matt DiPentema, Andy Dumont, Jerard, Donald Laferrriere, Mike Morgan, Pete Philbrick, Jeff Stacey, Josh Stevens,

Matt Swanson, and Wallman. The team was managed by Dave Curtis.

"There's a lot of commitment on this team," commented Jerard, referring to their gritty four game streak at the end of the season. "I think our junior year we'll have a

chance for a (Class-I) championship," said Wallman.

At the annual Sports Banquet last Monday, Stacey was awarded the Most Valuable Player award, while Swanson took home Most Improved Honors.



L-R Lisa Barney receives a track award from Doc Burton
Leslie Christenson receiving volleyball award from Ed Sharon



by Eric Sundberg

The Oyster River High School Baseball team ended its disappointing season Tuesday losing to Sanborn Regional High School 13-1, at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton.

The Bobcats, who sneak into post-season play with a 4-14 regular season record, faced Sanborn to determine the sole owner of the sixteenth and final position in the NHIAA

strike zone. The floodgates began to open.

Junior outfielder Evan Wallman commented, "They were up for at least a half an hour in the sixth. That's when they scored all their runs." And score they did.

By the time Provencher was relieved by sophomore Erin McNelly, Sanborn had scored five runs and McNelly came in with bases loaded and subsequently threw three

shut out innings to close the game for the 'Cats.

"He throws a lot of junk and changes speed well," commented Wallman on Loughlin.

The Bobcats scored their only run of the game on an error. It was one of those days.

Many had expected that the Bobcats would be able to put up some sort of fight to defend the state title they had won the year before with a perfect 20 and 0

Profile

O.R. Boys' Soccer Coach Lives the Sport year-round

by John Cirillo

Out of a blue Volvo he steps, grabs his bag which is numbered seventeen, and heads for the ditch. Tom Johnson, the Oyster River Boys Varsity Coach, is preparing for another intense game of high school ball. Beginning at the age of sixteen, he began to play for Toronto and that started his career. After playing for a while, he then realized that he couldn't play soccer all his life, but coaching it he could. Therefore, from learning from many coaches, he put his ability with their ideas and began to coach.

When I talked with Mr. Johnson, or T.J., he said that, "playing soccer is one thing, but understanding what you have to do to get mentally fit is understanding these seven steps:

1. Awareness
2. Initiation
3. Communication within a few
4. Communication within a team
5. Behavior
6. Be patient-Don't give up
7. ENJOY YOURSELF!!!

If you get an understanding for these steps, you will not only do well in soccer, but in life. Mr. Johnson does not try and just teach soccer, but he's trying to teach you the way to approach life and get a grip on

it.

Compared to other coaches, T.J. has a different kind of style. He figures that if you're not in shape at the time, then that is your fault. During practice, he likes to focus on working as a team, not running around the field to see who can throw-up first. He uses his ability from playing and your ability to play to bring out the best in both. Using blue and red pinnies, yellow cones about two inches high, and about a dozen balls he manages to whip the players into shape and teach them to understand his way of playing and learning soccer.

Leaving the ditch, he scurries to his car and checks his hair because he has a plane to catch because he's off to New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts to recruit players for his trips which consist of going to England, Ireland, Nova Scotia, or Washington D.C.

Dating back to the year 1240, Tom's family was a family of doctors and lawyers. At the age of seventeen, his parents purchased him a two month bus pass to sort out what he wanted to do in life and get a feel for the real world. Well, he sure did find out what he

wanted to do. Kicking the ball about with

Another comment from a player was, "As a person, I don't really think T.J. was fair to us and think he had a clue, but you know what, I had never played soccer so much and enjoyed it and I never thought I'd improve as much as I did. I guess I have to give him my thanks for that."

You may drive by Nick's in downtown Durham and notice Tom walking in or out. He has fun during his life and he just doesn't do soccer. He also has a social life and has many friends with whom he dines or has a drink.

During the past five years, soccer has become a sport on the rise. It is making its way to America quickly. "When I'm out of the soccer business, I hope I can look back and see that I did accomplish something in my life and I also helped others. I guess that's the purpose of life." Soccer coming of age, and at Oyster River High School, we have the coach that helped bring about this age.



their regular season series one game apiece coming into the special playoff.

Sophomore Greg Provencher started for the Bobcats, giving up only one run in the early innings. Provencher tired in the sixth and couldn't find the

up to eight. After the game was out of hand and McNelly had given up the remaining five Sanborn runs, he was replaced by seldom-used junior Chris Loughlin. Surprisingly, Loughlin pitched two no-hit,

the year had made--"We should have done a lot better, but we had a lack of concentration and work ethic all year. Plus, we didn't have the talent we had last year."

SOFTBALL FINISHES SEASON WITH LOSS TO LACONIA

by Stacey Sweet

The Oyster River High School softball team ended a disappointing 3-14 season with their last game against Timberlane May 24.

"It was hard for the girls because of the weather. Everyday we had outside was a game. There was no time to work on the things we needed to," commented coach Cathy Baker.

Coach Baker also said the team's best game

was a close loss to top-ranked Class I Goffstown, 10-9.

The girls' last game was against Laconia ending with a score of 15-0. "Hitting was our biggest problem," said Baker "We cut down on errors but just couldn't come through on hitting."

Junior Janice Philbrook said, "Hopefully next year our season will turn around and be 14-0-3!"



MVP+MIP winners L-R: Tara Truelson, Eric Sundberg, Heather Shenefiel, Mike Jackson and Scott Goodman